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**REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER SENTENCED TO 27 YEARS  
IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR DISTRIBUTING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

Tampa, Florida - U.S. Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announces that U.S. District Judge Virginia M. Hernandez Covington yesterday sentenced Timothy Geenen, (31, North Port) to 27 years in federal prison for distribution of child pornography. The court also ordered Geenen to a lifetime of supervised release and to forfeit his computer equipment.

Geenen pled guilty on April 15, 2010. According to court documents, on or about October 20, 2005, an individual, identified as Timothy Geenen, sent eight e-mail messages that contained child pornography to an individual in Minnesota. A criminal history check on Geenen revealed that he was arrested in September 2002, by the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation for sexual exploitation of a child and sexual exploitation of children. Geenen was convicted of six counts of sexual exploitation of children and was sentenced to a minimum of two years, up to six years incarceration in Wyoming. Records indicate that Geenen was released from prison on parole, in July 2005 and registered as a sex offender in Florida shortly thereafter. Less than three months after being released from prison, Geenen possessed numerous images of child pornography and distributed child pornography via e-mail.

This case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations (ICE-HSI). It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Stacie B. Harris.

It was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, and to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).

This case was also part of Operation Predator, a nationwide ICE initiative to identify, investigate, and arrest those who prey on children, including human traffickers, international sex tourists, Internet pornographers, and foreign-national predators whose crimes make them deportable. ICE encourages the public to report suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-866-347-2423. This hotline is staffed around the clock by investigators. Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may be reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, an Operation Predator partner, at 1-800-843-5678 or <http://www.cybertipline.com>.